

GEAC Meeting  
April 10, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

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Meeting officially began at 11:01 am by Dean Dahlman.

- Review of Agenda and general check in

The format was opened for thoughts and questions.

The first conversation started around if programs would continue in the fall and what would IE look like in the future and if anything would change after the pandemic ends. (many different opinions in the group)

- Can students defer enrollment for another semester?
  - o Still keep scholarships
  - o Visa issues – countries locked down. The practicality of students arriving for the fall just isn't available right now. Keep the students excited and engaged ready to go for another semester. (Rama)
  - o John Engquist talks about deferral
    - Policy has always been for one future terms – how with the situation they are now extending that for one year- e.g. Fall 2020 to Fall 2021. They can defer for one or two semesters ahead. This will go for both international, domestic, and conditionally admitted IEP students. They are being flexible with the uncertain times.
    - Rama asked if students have been contacted with the options.
      - John said that decision has been made on 4/10 and students will be contacted with the decision
    - Wade – talked about online classes
      - International students may be need to be evaluated differently or adjustments be made
      - Subtitling videos – unique changes need to be made
    - KCISS is offering one on one tutoring session and Q&As
      - All individual
      - Multitudes of times throughout the day and flexibility for the times
      - Links can be find online.
      - Synchronous classes– time differences for students
    - Ideas of how to work with Faculty
    - Erica added in that study abroad students have had similar issues with online classes abroad
    - Over 150 students have been provided laptops – anyone who has requested one has been able to receive one
    - Student government has also sent a list of concerns for both domestic students as well.
  - o We still have 1,100 international students still on campus.

- Many of them want to stay and continue their education.
- Onboarding online- Wade
  - Anne said talks are in the work for these procedures
    - CCS is still being in place
- International students- financial obligations – work off campus – John Engquist asked questions
  - Anne said they are working to get international students on the MNSU emergency grant
    - Some international student Visa’s do not allow for students to accept public/government resources (public charge)
    - Students workers are being paid for the rest of the semester
    - Rama said that international students would not qualify for the stimulus checks
  - How can we mobilize people to be part of the solution
  - Rama- Admin discussion with faculty leadership would be beneficial.
    - It is a life crisis for both domestic and international students
    - It is not the time for faculty to be particular on time of time of quizzes
    - Make the numbers known to faculty – they needed to understand what is required of them and make sure they pass it on to their students
  - Bobby
    - Encourages ideas and creative solution to the problems we are facing in the uncertain times
    - Also brings up the issue of budgets issues that are going to continue to arise
      - We should be listening to each and work together because we don’t have the answers right now.
      - We need to put down the prior limitations and work together
      - Anne and Bobby are going to have conversations with international business about opportunities for non-credit training. To create more partnerships. To drive more revenue streams
      - Bobby gave the shout out to Dean Dahlman and gave her the recognition she deserves and how lucky we all are to work with her! Outstanding leadership!
  - Erica – gave an update for FLP proposals and study abroad programs
    - Fall is still up in the air and we are encouraging that student
    - Virtual internships
    - NSE – great time to promote this program
    - We are getting everything lined up student refunds
  - Working on changing contract language to keep faculty led programming going.
  - Glen – IEP update
    - Will be planning for fall 21-22 for cohorts to be back on campus and other groups are looking at online courses for this summer and fall 2020 courses

- Planning for all fall 2020 classes to be online
- They do not require students with the 12-14 hour difference to be a part of the synchronous component.
  - They utilize D2L a lot to keep students connected
- Zoom communication needs to be in place for pre-enrollment
  - There will be an advising campaign for online orientation
    - Specifically for international students
    - Keep on a career/major track
      - John commented on visas issues
- Wade asked what percentage of the 1,100 are graduating or here for just an exchange
  - Anne estimated that they are 200-300 graduating
    - OPT is hard to come by right now so students might be staying or entering grad school